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WHOSE SIDE...
...ARE YOU ON?

THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. IN THE WAKE OF A TRAGEDY, CAPITOL HILL PROPOSES THE SUPER HERO REGISTRATION ACT, REQUIRING ALL COSTUMED HEROES TO UNMASK THEMSELVES BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT. DIVIDED, THE NATION'S GREATEST CHAMPIONS MUST EACH DECIDE HOW TO REACT—A DECISION THAT WILL ALTER THE COURSE OF THEIR LIVES FOREVER!

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**CONTROL ROOM,
WTNH-CHANNEL 8:**

OKAY, HOW
MANY SUPER-VILLAINS
ARE WE TALKING
HERE, SPEEDBALL?

**STAMFORD,
CONNECTICUT:**

THREE. NO, WAIT. I THINK I SEE
COLDHEART IN THE BACKYARD EMPTYING
THE TRASH. THAT'S FOUR OF 'EM IN
TOTAL, AND ALL FOUR ARE ON THE FBI
MOST-WANTED LIST, RIGHT?

COBALT MAN, COLDHEART,
SPEEDFREAK, NITRO...YEP, THEY
ALL BROKE OUT OF RYKER'S THREE
MONTHS BACK, AND ALL OF THEM
HAVE RECORDS AS LONG AS
YOUR ARM.

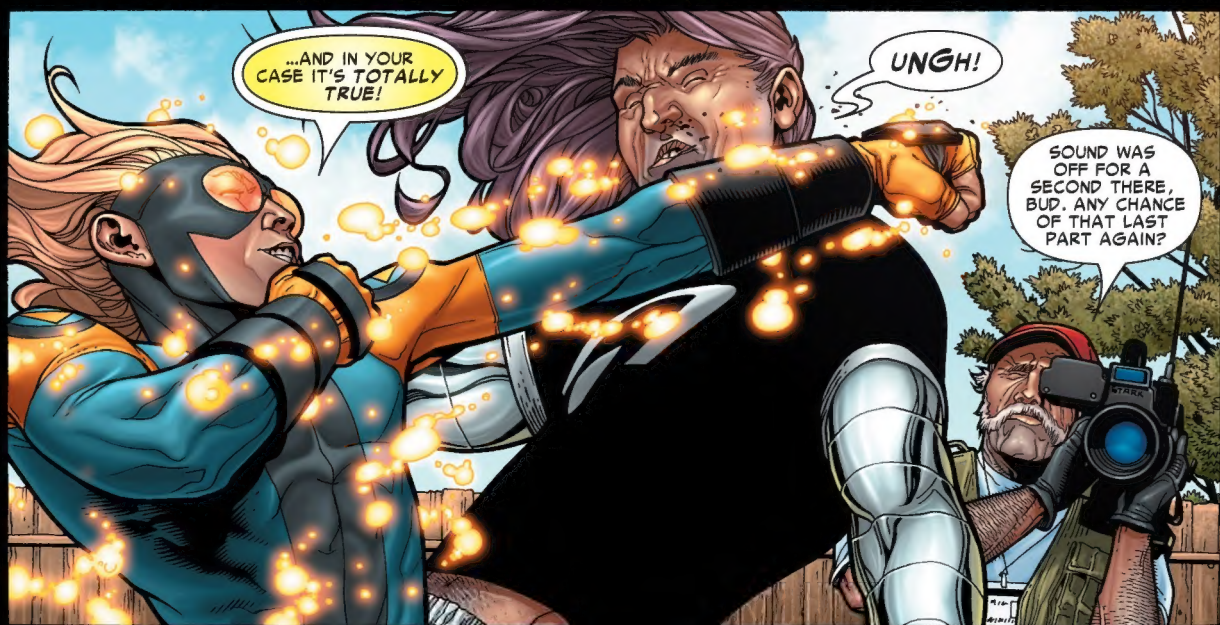
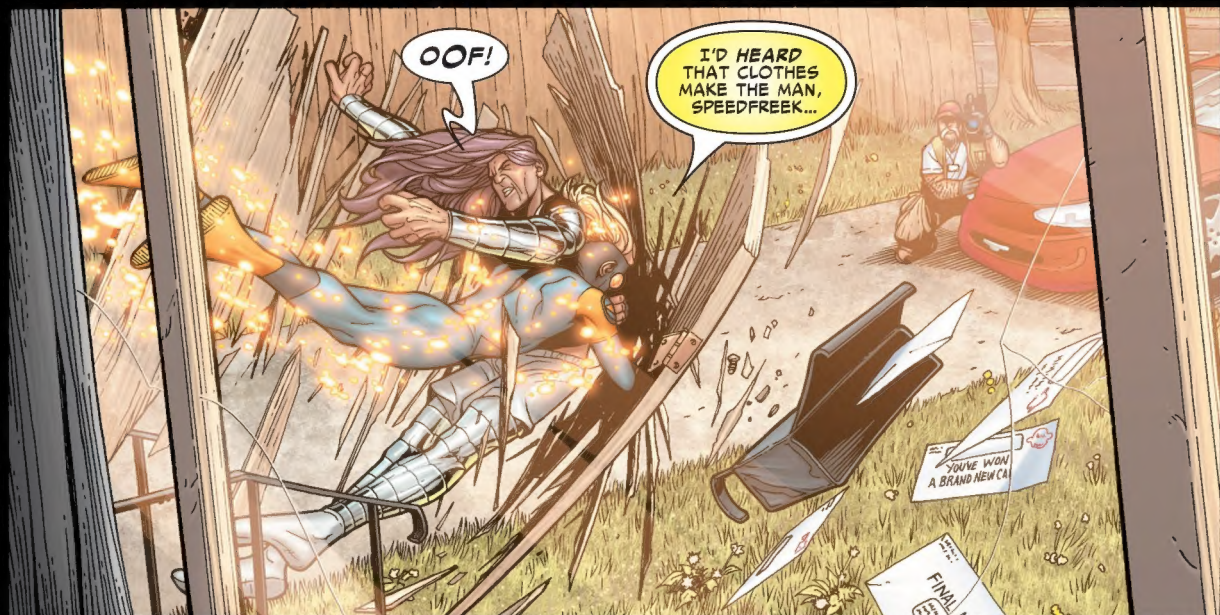
COLDHEART FOUGHT
SPIDER-MAN A COUPLE
OF TIMES AND--GET THIS--
SPEEDFREAK ALMOST
TOOK DOWN THE
HULK.

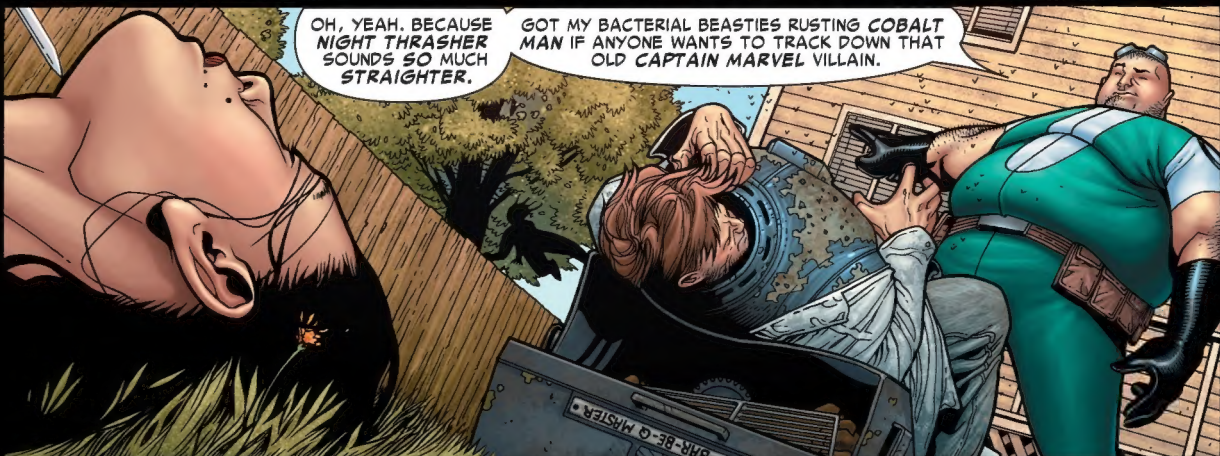
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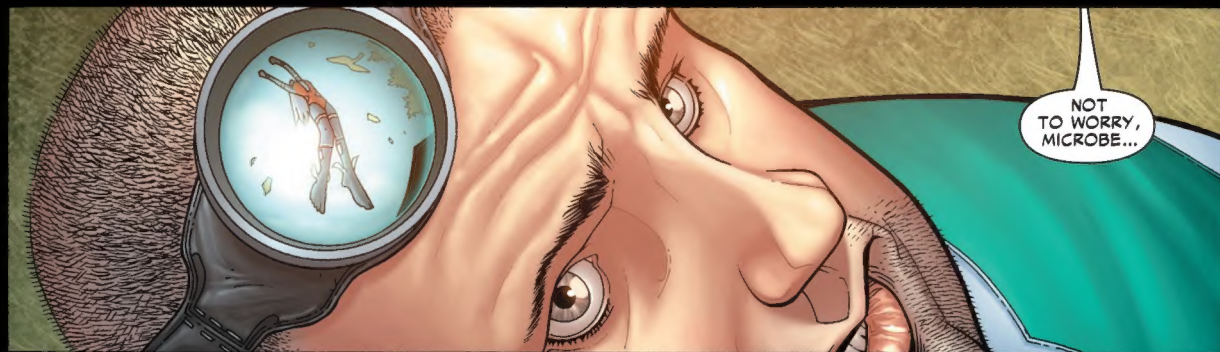
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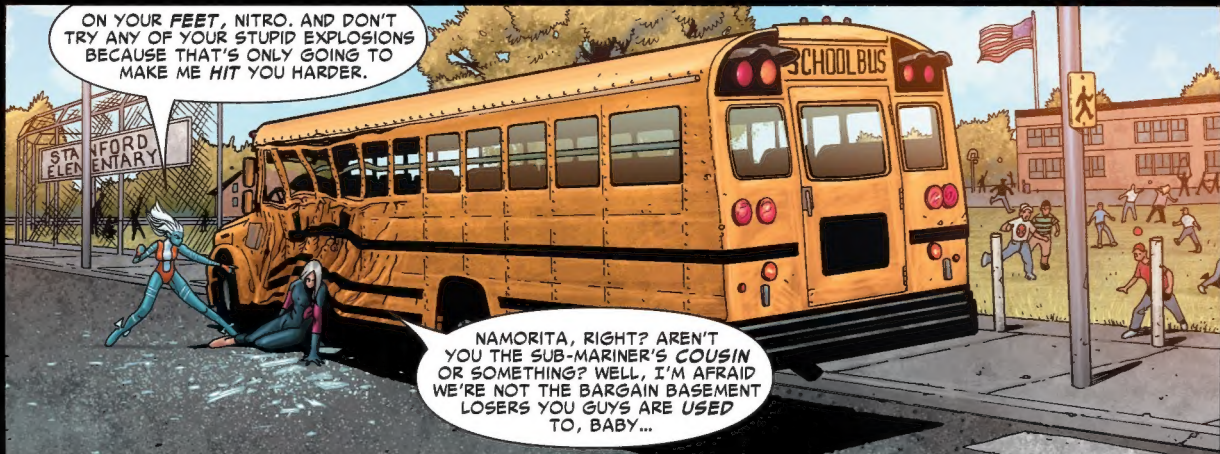




NOT
TO WORRY,
MICROBE...



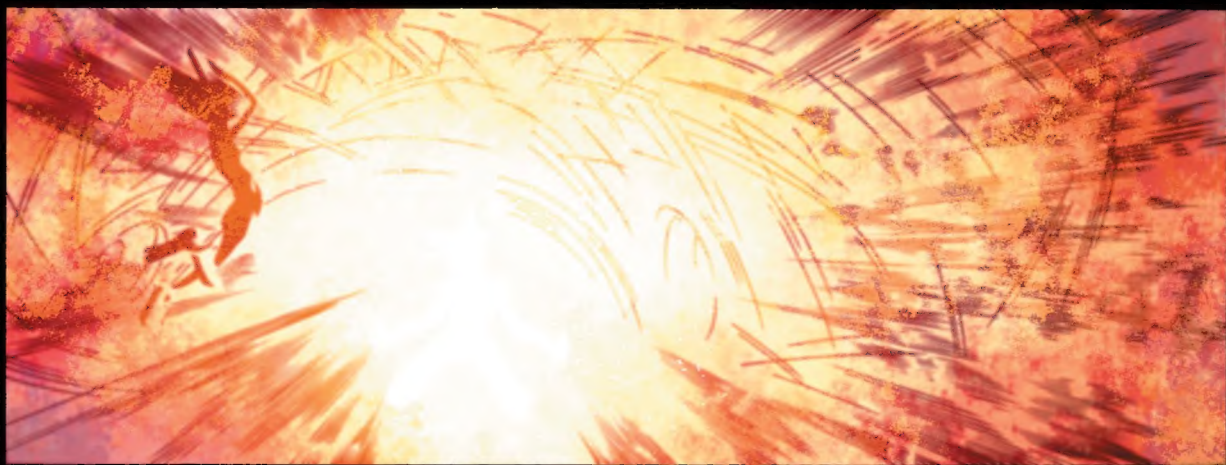
...I'M
ON IT.



ON YOUR FEET, NITRO. AND DON'T
TRY ANY OF YOUR STUPID EXPLOSIONS
BECAUSE THAT'S ONLY GOING TO
MAKE ME HIT YOU HARDER.

NAMORITA, RIGHT? AREN'T
YOU THE SUB-MARINER'S COUSIN
OR SOMETHING? WELL, I'M AFRAID
WE'RE NOT THE BARGAIN BASEMENT
LOSERS YOU GUYS ARE USED
TO, BABY...

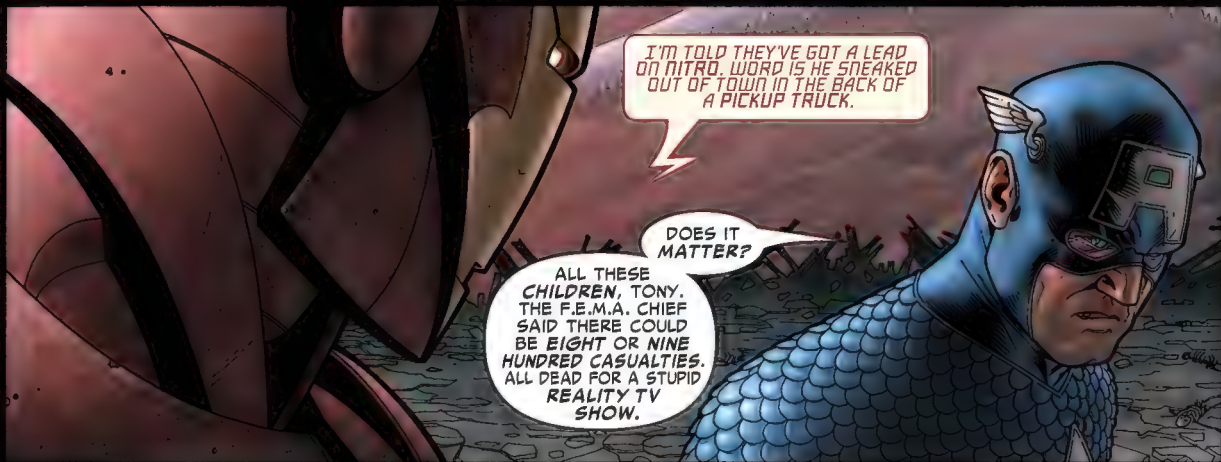
...YOU'RE
PLAYING WITH
THE **BIG BOYS**
NOW.





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PART ONE OF SEVEN



I'M TOLD THEY'VE GOT A LEAD ON NITRO. WORD IS HE SNEAKED OUT OF TOWN IN THE BACK OF A PICKUP TRUCK.

DOES IT MATTER?

ALL THESE CHILDREN, TONY. THE F.E.M.A. CHIEF SAID THERE COULD BE EIGHT OR NINE HUNDRED CASUALTIES. ALL DEAD FOR A STUPID REALITY TV SHOW.



THEY SHOULD HAVE CALLED US, CAP. SPEEDBALL KNEW THE NEW WARRIORS WERE OUT OF THEIR LEAGUE.

THE WHOLE COUNTRY SAW THE TAPE WHERE THEY SAID THEY WERE ONLY CHASING RATINGS.



MARVEL GIRL! CYCLOPS! WE NEED SOME HELP OVER HERE. MOTION DETECTORS ARE PICKING SOMETHING UP TWENTY FEET DOWN, BUT WE HAVEN'T GOT OUR DIGGERS YET.



EVERYBODY BACK. CLEAR A LITTLE SPACE, HUM?



CAN YOU
HANDLE THIS
ON YOUR OWN,
RACHEL?



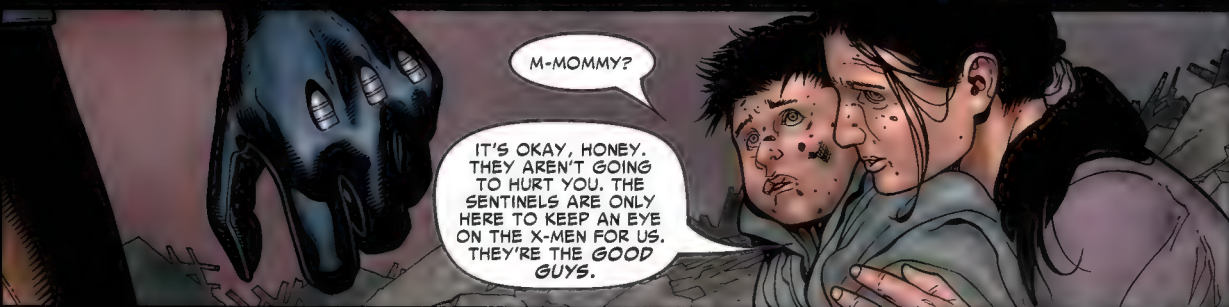
I CAN
HANDLE IT,
SCOTT.



SIX MORE
SURVIVORS OVER BY
THE SCHOOL'S NORTH
SIDE. BRING BLANKETS
AND A DEFIBRILLATOR.



YOU
GOTTA BE
KIDDIN' ME.



M-MOMMY?

IT'S OKAY, HONEY.
THEY AREN'T GOING
TO HURT YOU. THE
SENTINELS ARE ONLY
HERE TO KEEP AN EYE
ON THE X-MEN FOR US.
THEY'RE THE GOOD
GUYS.



WE VOLUNTEER
TO HELP WITH A
FEDERAL EMERGENCY
AND YOU'RE STILL
FOLLOWING US
AROUND?

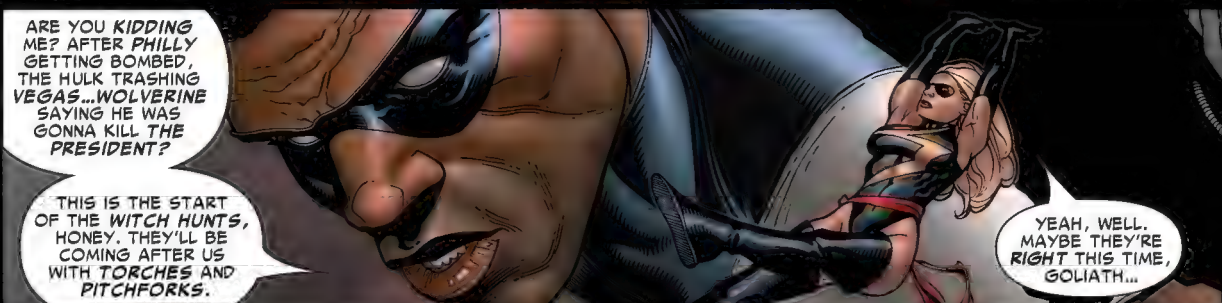


JUST DOIN'
OUR JOBS,
WOLVERINE.



IT WON'T JUST BE MUTANTS
THEY'RE WATCHING AFTER
THIS ONE, MS MARVEL. THIS
IS THE STRAW THAT BROKE
THE CAMEL'S BACK. YOU
MARK MY WORDS.

YOU
THINK?



ARE YOU KIDDING
ME? AFTER PHILLY
GETTING BOMBED,
THE HULK TRASHING
VEGAS...**WOLVERINE**
SAYING HE WAS
GONNA KILL THE
PRESIDENT?

THIS IS THE START
OF THE WITCH HUNTS,
HONEY. THEY'LL BE
COMING AFTER US
WITH TORCHES AND
PITCHFORKS.

YEAH, WELL.
MAYBE THEY'RE
RIGHT THIS TIME,
GOLIATH...



WHO THE
HELL CAN
JUSTIFY
THIS?

A BAN ON SUPER
HEROES? WELL, IN A
WORLD WITH THOUSANDS
OF SUPER-VILLAINS THAT'S
OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE,
LARRY.

BUT TRAINING THEM
UP AND MAKING THEM CARRY
BADGES? YES, I'D SAY THAT
SOUNDS LIKE A REASONABLE
RESPONSE.

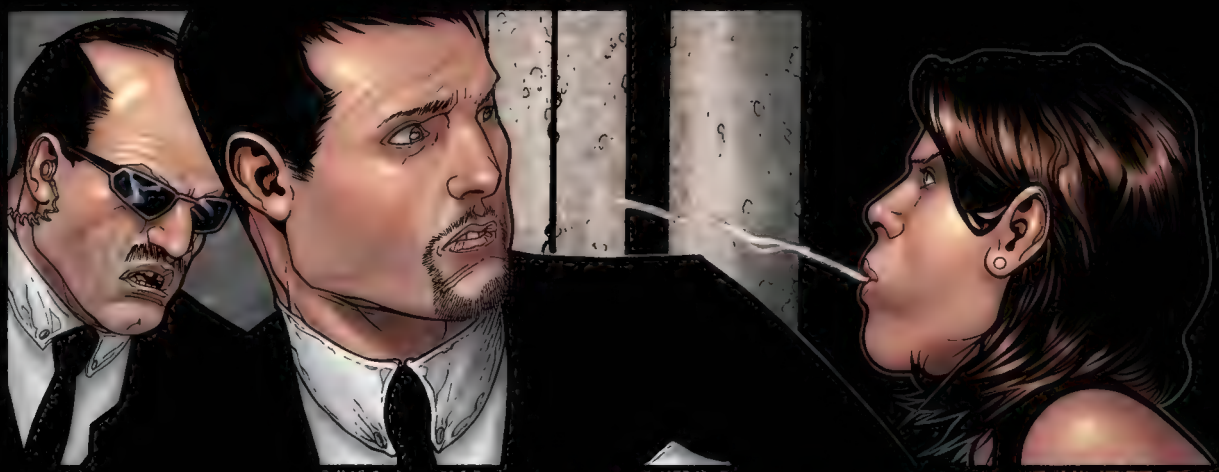


...AND SO WE ASK
YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR
MERCY. NOT ONLY FOR
THE SOULS OF THE CHILDREN
WHO PERISHED, BUT FOR THE
SUPER-PEOPLE WHOSE
CARELESSNESS CAUSED
THIS TRAGEDY.



TONY
STARK?



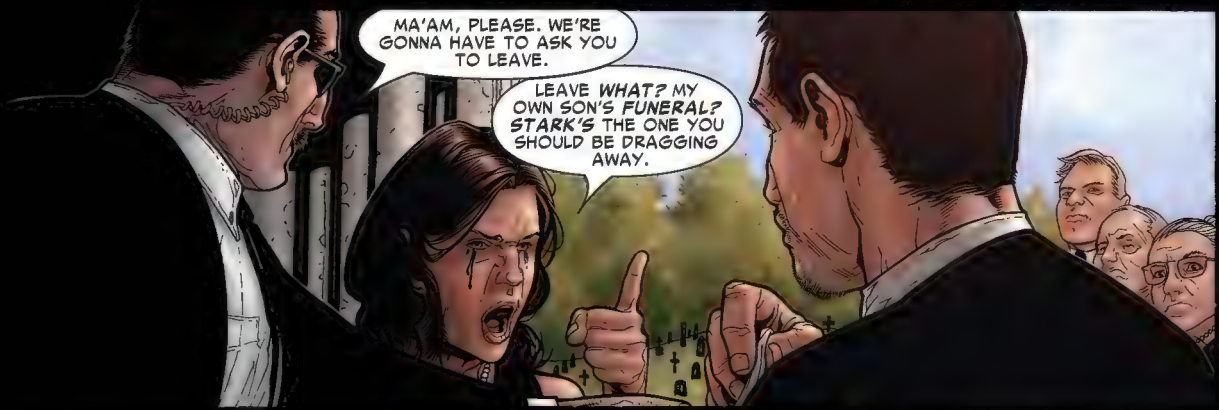


YOU
FILTHY
PIECE OF
CRAP!



MA'AM, PLEASE. WE'RE
GONNA HAVE TO ASK YOU
TO LEAVE.

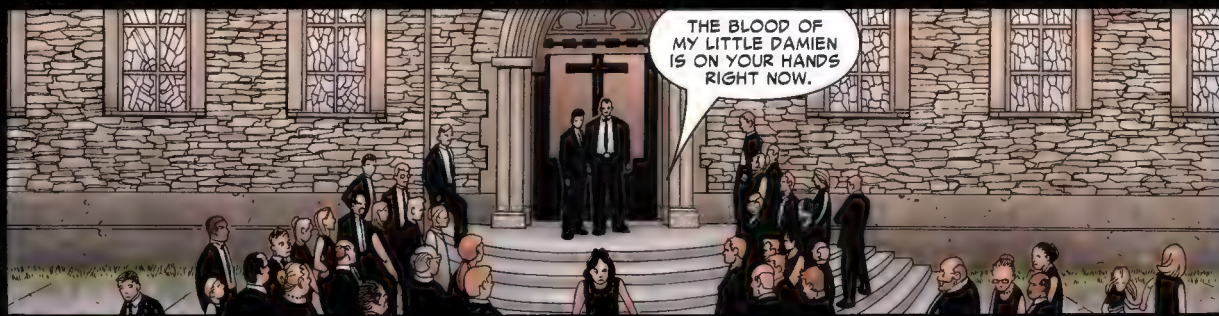
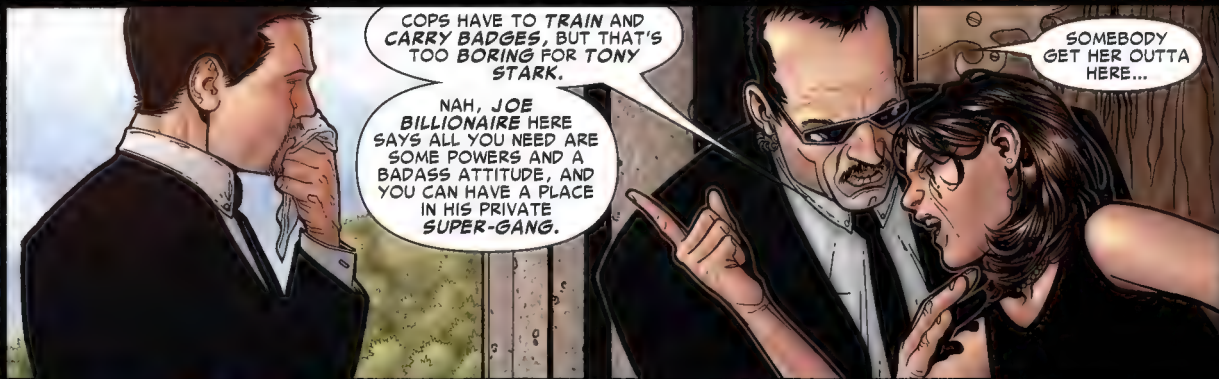
LEAVE WHAT? MY
OWN SON'S FUNERAL?
STARK'S THE ONE YOU
SHOULD BE DRAGGING
AWAY.



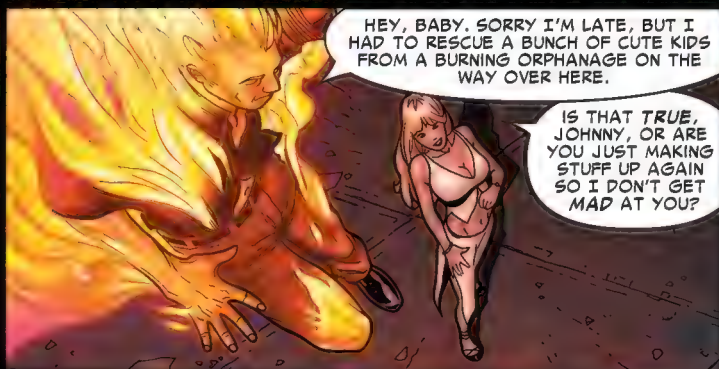
MA'AM, I APPRECIATE
THAT YOU'RE UPSET, BUT
THE NEW WARRIORS'
RECKLESSNESS HAD
NOTHING TO DO
WITH ME.

OH, YEAH? AND
WHO FINANCES THE
AVENGERS? WHO'S
BEEN TELLING KIDS FOR
YEARS THAT THEY CAN
LIVE OUTSIDE THE LAW
AS LONG AS THEY'RE
WEARING TIGHTS?





THINGS TURN UGLY:



HEY, BABY. SORRY I'M LATE, BUT I HAD TO RESCUE A BUNCH OF CUTE KIDS FROM A BURNING ORPHANAGE ON THE WAY OVER HERE.

IS THAT TRUE, JOHNNY, OR ARE YOU JUST MAKING STUFF UP AGAIN SO I DON'T GET MAD AT YOU?



WELL, SWAP "ORPHANS" FOR "BABES" AND "BURNING BUILDING" FOR "SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS" AND IT'S COMPLETELY TRUE, SWEETIE.



CHICO! HOW'S IT HANGING, BIG MAN?

PARIS AND LINDSAY ARE WAITING UPSTAIRS, JOHNNY. CHICKS COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN I SAID YOU WERE DROPPING BY.



HEY! HOW COME THAT LOSER'S GETTING IN WHEN WE'VE BEEN WAITING HOURS?

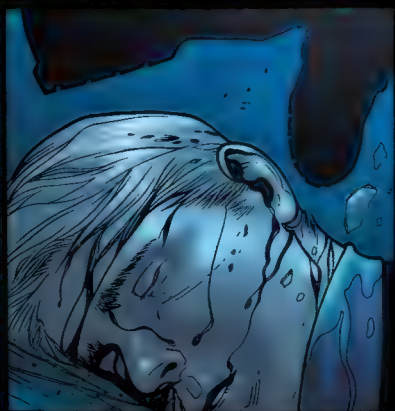


TELL YOU WHAT, GORGEOUS: NEXT TIME YOU SAVE THE WORLD FROM GALACTUS, YOU CAN BORROW MY FREE PASS, 'KAY?

WHAT ABOUT THE NEXT TIME YOU BLOW UP A SCHOOL, JACKASS?



YEAH, WHAT ABOUT THE NEXT TIME YOU KILL SOME KIDS?



THE BAXTER BUILDING!



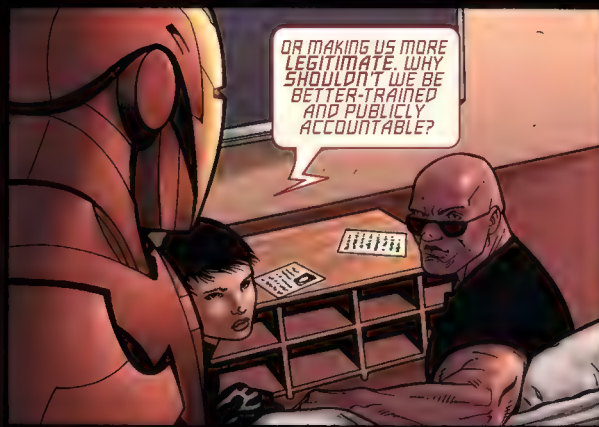
SO WHAT ARE THEY SAYING, DOCTOR RICHARDS?

THAT I'LL BE FORCED TO BECOME A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OR FACE A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST?

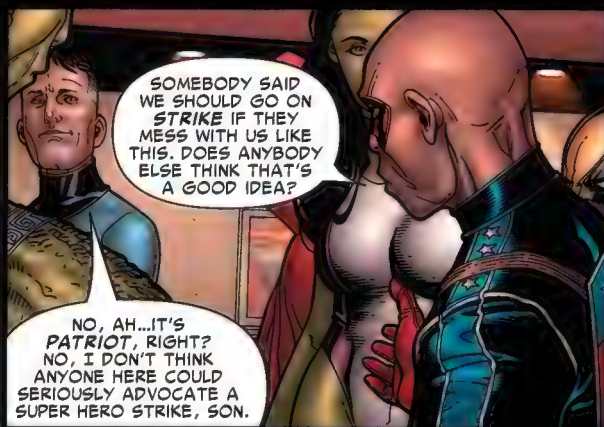
ACTUALLY, YOU WERE ONE OF THE FEW POST-HUMANS THEY'RE HOPING TO SEEK A COMPROMISE WITH, STEPHEN.

PENSION PLANS AND ANNUAL VACATION TIME? IT'S RIDICULOUS. WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO DO? TURN US INTO CIVIL SERVANTS?

LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY'RE CLOSING US DOWN, WASP.



OR MAKING US MORE LEGITIMATE. WHY SHOULDN'T WE BE BETTER-TRAINED AND PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE?

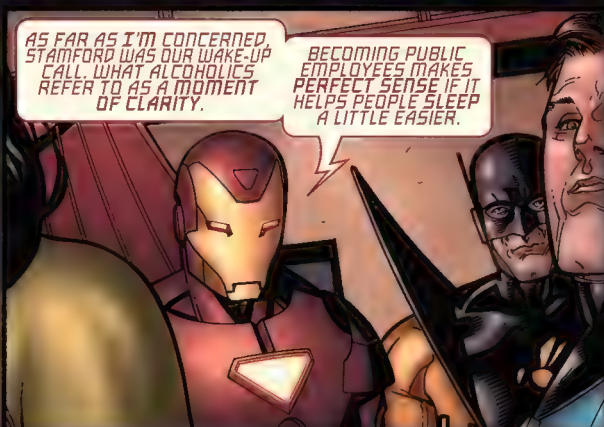


SOMEBODY SAID WE SHOULD GO ON STRIKE IF THEY MESS WITH US LIKE THIS. DOES ANYBODY ELSE THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA?

NO, AH...IT'S PATRIOT, RIGHT? NO, I DON'T THINK ANYONE HERE COULD SERIOUSLY ADVOCATE A SUPER HERO STRIKE, SON.



SO WHAT'S THE GENERAL CONSENSUS?



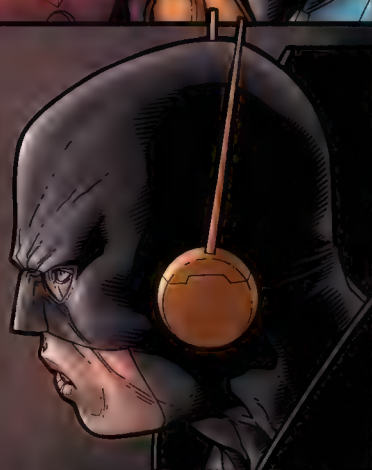
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, STAMFORD WAS OUR WAKE-UP CALL. WHAT ALCOHOLICS REFER TO AS A MOMENT OF CLARITY.

BECOMING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES MAKES PERFECT SENSE IF IT HELPS PEOPLE SLEEP A LITTLE EASIER.



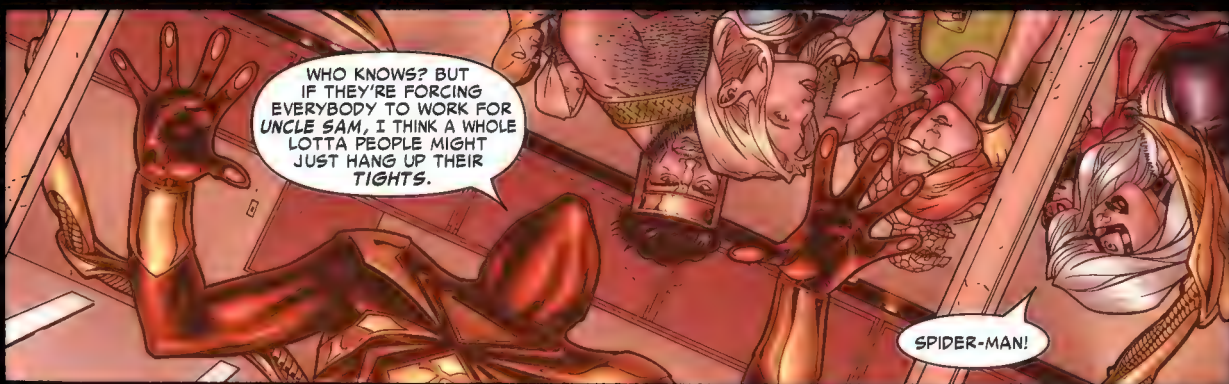
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS. THE MASKS ARE A TRADITION. WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM TURN US INTO SUPER-COPS.

ARE YOU KIDDING? WE'RE LUCKY PEOPLE HAVE TOLERATED THIS FOR AS LONG AS THEY HAVE, SAM. WHY SHOULD WE BE ALLOWED TO HIDE BEHIND THESE THINGS?



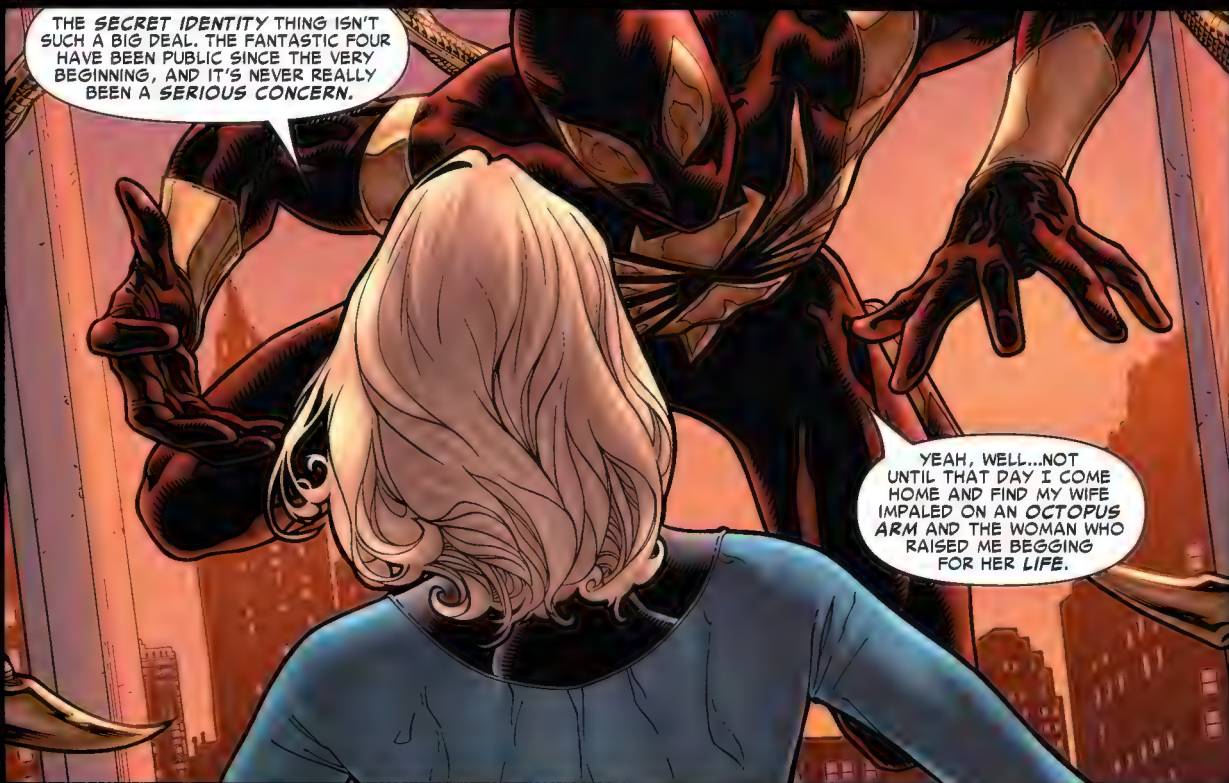
BECAUSE THE WORLD AIN'T SO NICE OUTSIDE YOUR IVORY TOWER, BUB.

TELL ME ABOUT IT, STUMPY. YOU THINK JOHNNY WOULD HAVE ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT IF MORONS LIKE YOU WASN'T OUT THERE GIVIN' US A BAD NAME?



WHO KNOWS? BUT IF THEY'RE FORCING EVERYBODY TO WORK FOR **UNCLE SAM**, I THINK A WHOLE LOTTA PEOPLE MIGHT JUST HANG UP THEIR **TIGHTS**.

SPIDER-MAN!



THE **SECRET IDENTITY** THING ISN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL. THE **FANTASTIC FOUR** HAVE BEEN PUBLIC SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING, AND IT'S NEVER REALLY BEEN A **SERIOUS CONCERN**.

YEAH, WELL...NOT UNTIL THAT DAY I CAME HOME AND FIND MY WIFE IMPALED ON AN **OCTOPUS ARM** AND THE WOMAN WHO RAISED ME BEGGING FOR HER LIFE.



UH, DOES ANYBODY ELSE THINK WE'RE BEING A LITTLE **PARANOID** HERE? AFTER ALL, THIS IS ALL STILL JUST **SPECULATION** AT THE MOMENT, RIGHT?

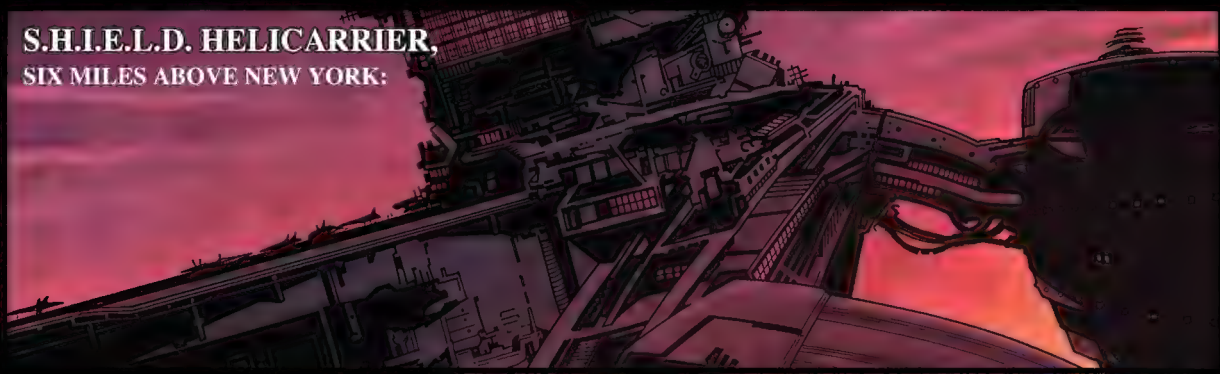
NO, THIS HAS BEEN BUILDING UP FOR A **LONG TIME**, NIGHTHAWK. STAMFORD'S JUST THE STRAW THAT **BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK**.



THIS IS THE **END** OF THE WAY WE DO **BUSINESS**.

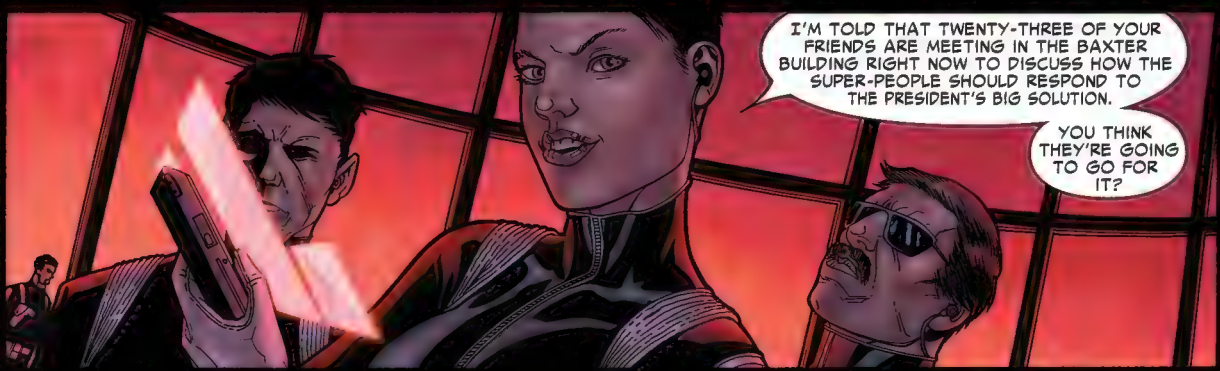
YOU CAN **SMELL IT** IN THE AIR.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER,
SIX MILES ABOVE NEW YORK:



CAPTAIN.

COMMANDER
HILL.



I'M TOLD THAT TWENTY-THREE OF YOUR
FRIENDS ARE MEETING IN THE BAXTER
BUILDING RIGHT NOW TO DISCUSS HOW THE
SUPER-PEOPLE SHOULD RESPOND TO
THE PRESIDENT'S BIG SOLUTION.

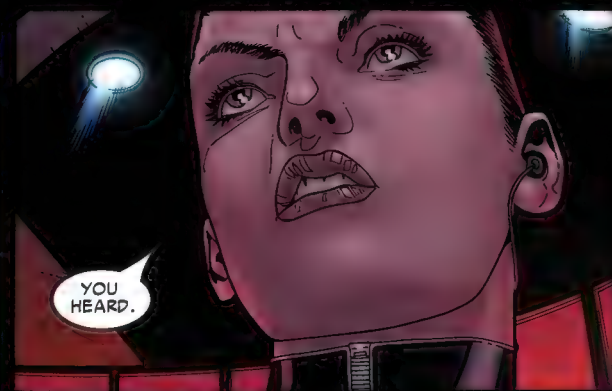
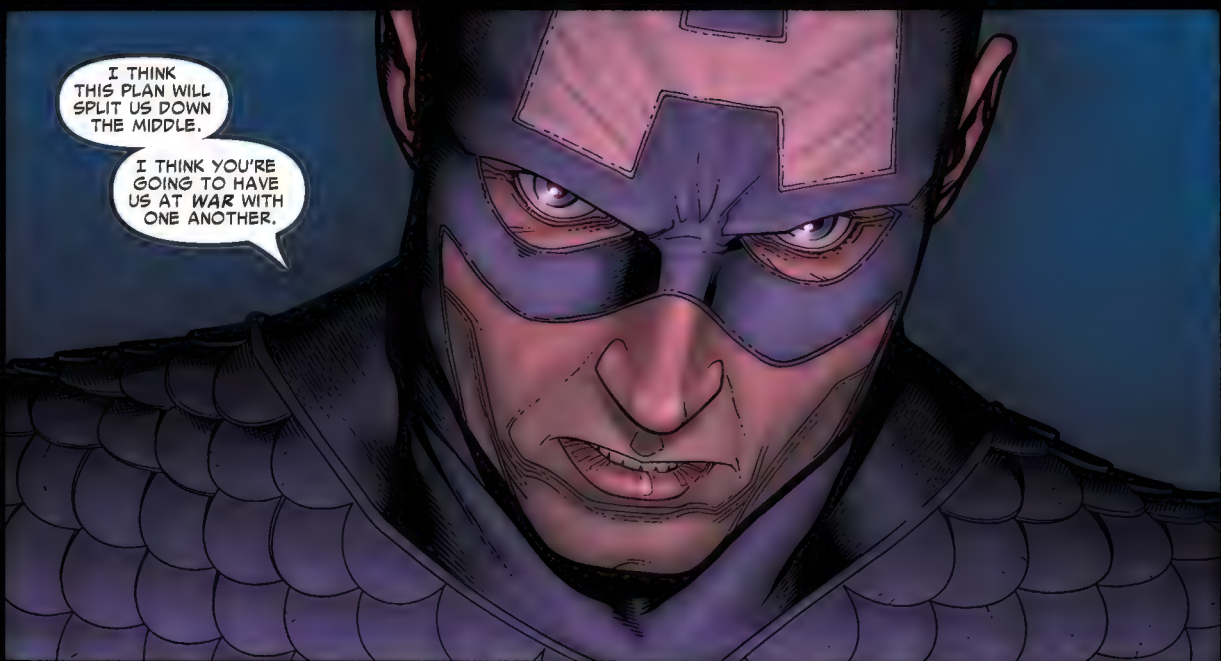
YOU THINK
THEY'RE GOING
TO GO FOR
IT?




I DON'T
THINK THAT'S
FOR ME TO
JUDGE.

C'MON, ROGERS.
CUT THE CRAP. WE'RE
NEVER GOING TO BE TIGHT
LIKE YOU AND NICK FURY,
BUT I'M STILL THE ACTING
HEAD OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

RESPECT THE
BADGE IF NOTHING
ELSE.







IS THIS THE
HIT SQUAD YOU'VE
BEEN TRAINING TO
TAKE DOWN
HEROES?

NOBODY WANTS
A WAR, CAPTAIN.
THE PEOPLE ARE
JUST SICK AND
TIRED OF LIVING IN
THE WILD WEST.



MASKED HEROES HAVE BEEN A
PART OF THIS COUNTRY FOR AS
LONG AS ANYONE CAN
REMEMBER.

SO'S *SMALLPOX*. NOW GROW UP AND
STOP BEING AN IDIOT, HUH? NOBODY'S
SAYING YOU CAN'T DO YOUR JOB.

IT'S JUST
TIME YOU WENT
LEGITIMATE LIKE
THE REST OF US,
SOLDIER.



WEAPONS
DOWN, BOYS.



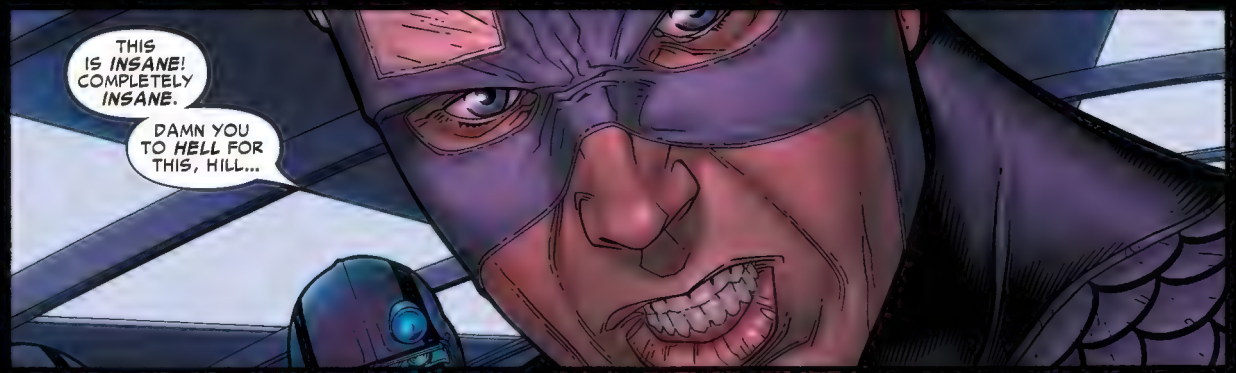
STAND YOUR GROUND,
GENTLEMEN. CAPTAIN
AMERICA IS NOT IN
COMMAND HERE.



WEAPONS DOWN
OR I WILL NOT BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
WHAT COMES
NEXT...

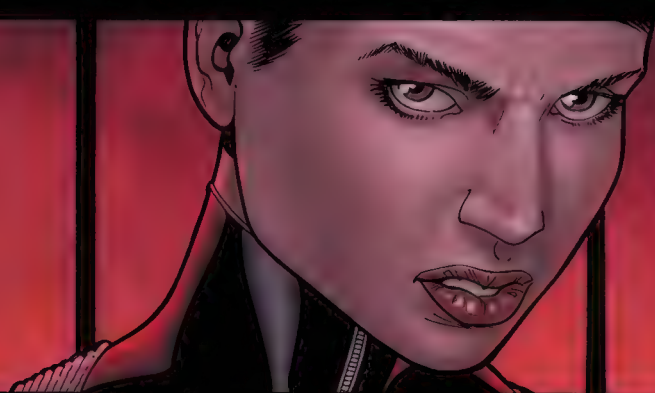


TRANQUILIZERS
ON, BOYS. GET READY...



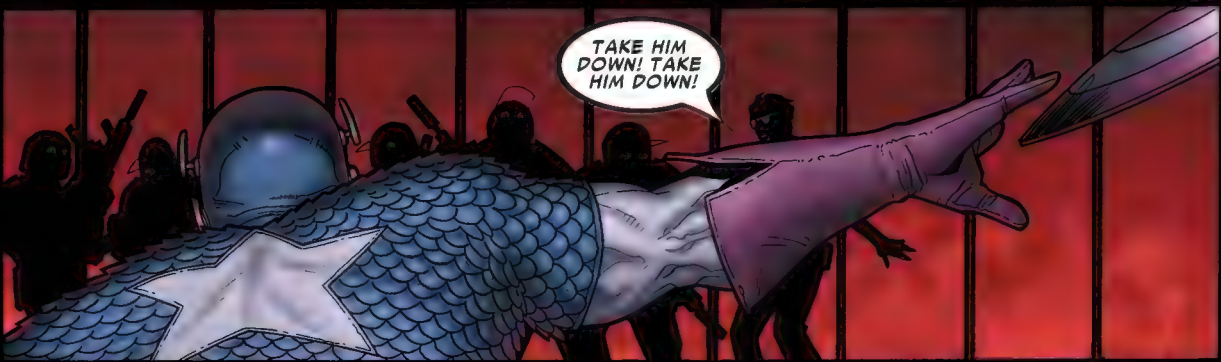
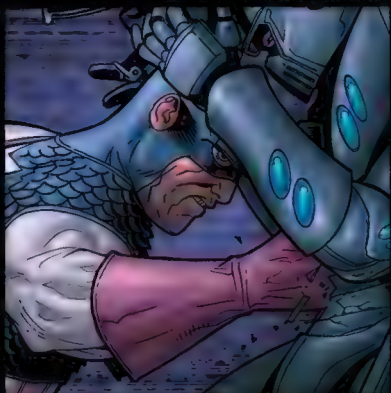
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IS *INSANE!*
COMPLETELY
INSANE.

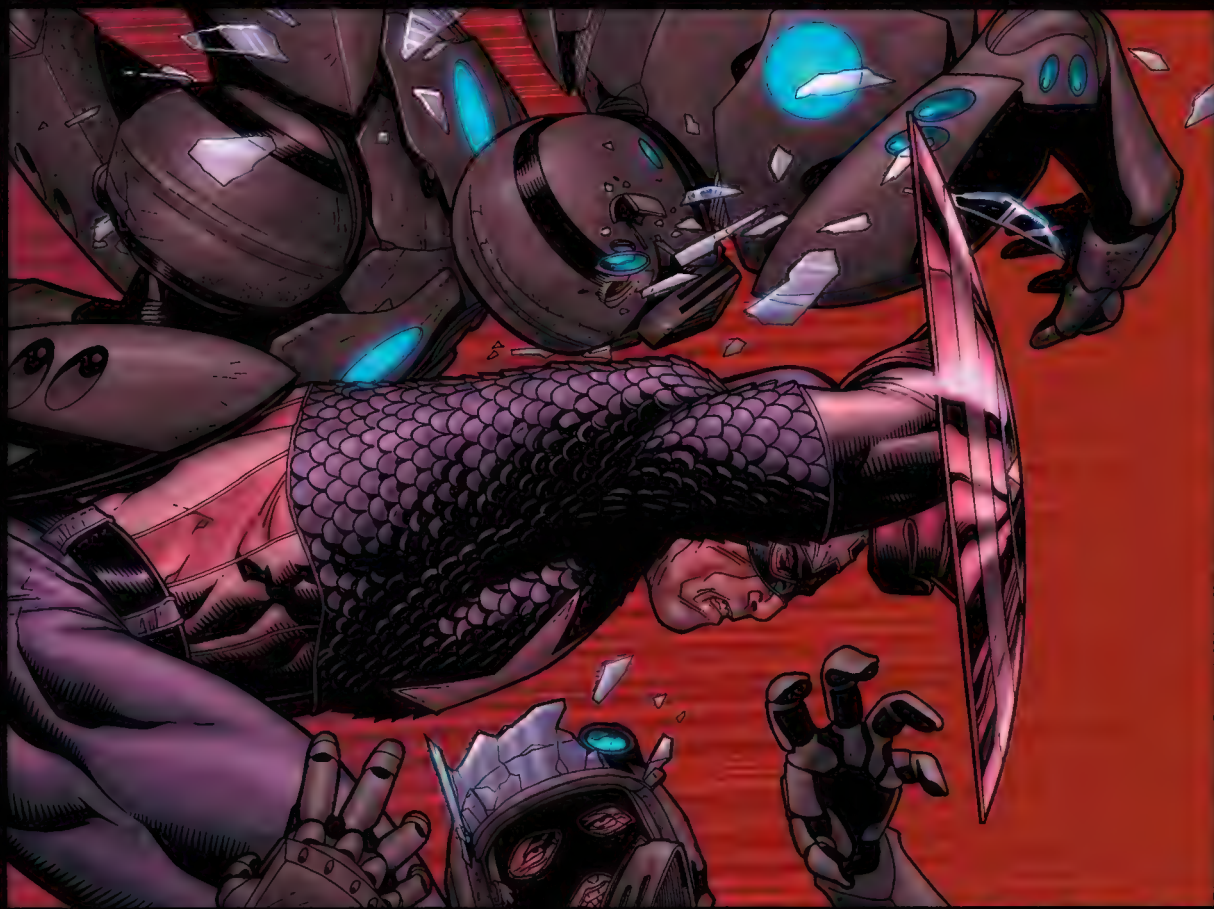
DAMN YOU
TO HELL FOR
THIS, HILL...

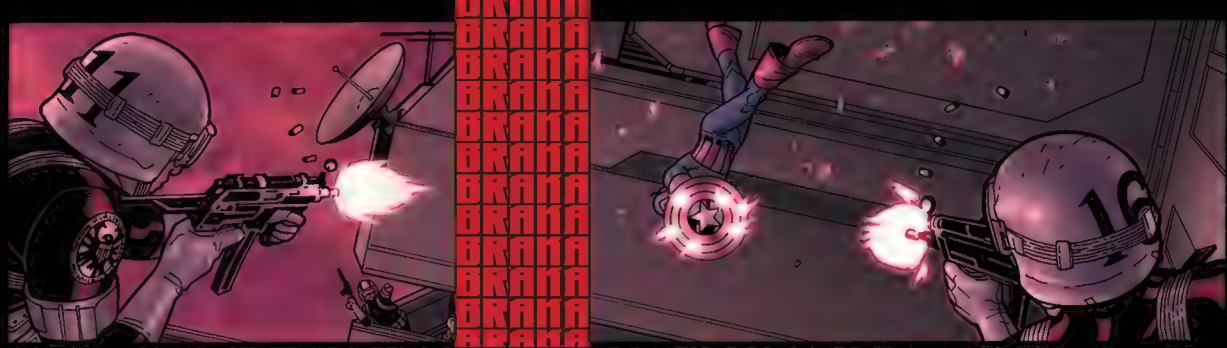


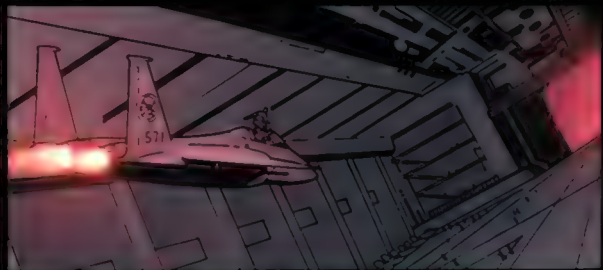
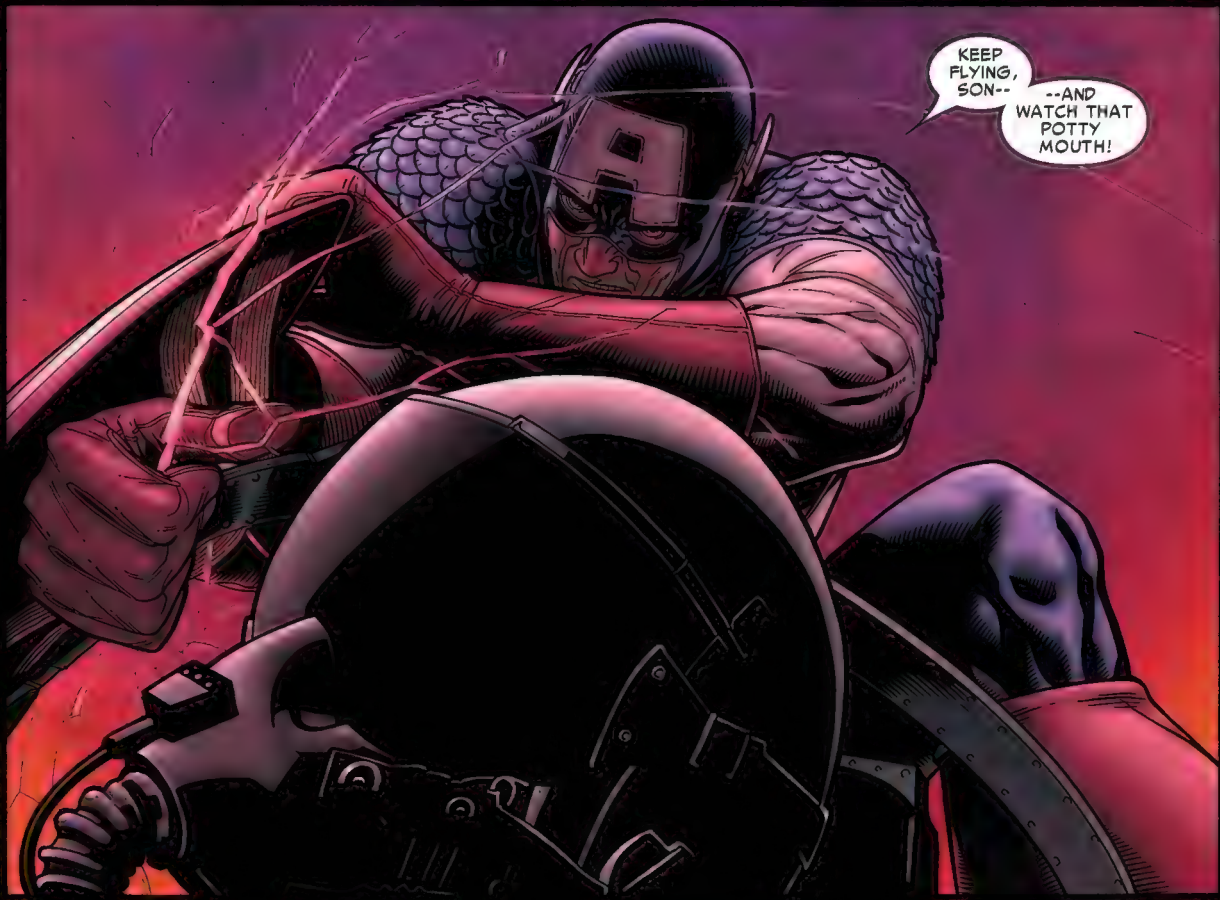
DAMN YOU
TO HELL FOR
MAKING ME
DO IT...















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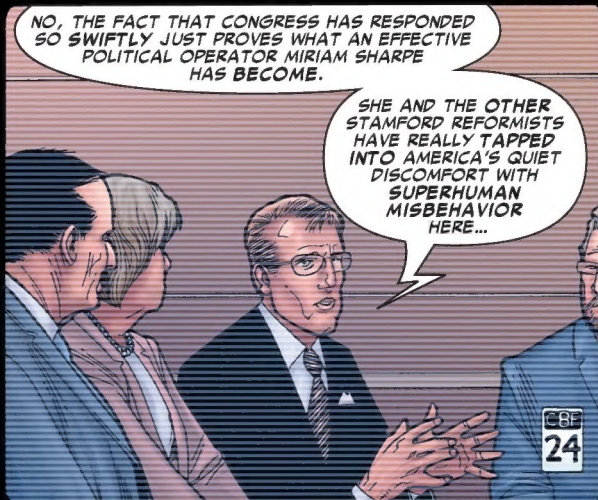
WASHINGTON, D.C.:



NO, THE FACT THAT CONGRESS HAS RESPONDED SO SWIFTLY JUST PROVES WHAT AN EFFECTIVE POLITICAL OPERATOR MIRIAM SHARPE HAS BECOME.

SHE AND THE OTHER STAMFORD REFORMISTS HAVE REALLY TAPPED INTO AMERICA'S QUIET DISCOMFORT WITH SUPERHUMAN MISBEHAVIOR HERE...

CBF 24



...AND THEN HE LANDED THE JET IN A FOOTBALL FIELD BEFORE TAKING THE PILOT FOR A HAMBURGER AND FRIES.

AIN'T THAT JUST LIKE CAPTAIN AMERICA? MAKING SURE A TWO-BILLION-DOLLAR WARPLANE DON'T GET DAMAGED NO MATTER HOW MUCH TROUBLE HE'S IN?

I'M GLAD YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY, MISTER SECRETARY. BECAUSE I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR REGISTRATION PLAN WAS CONTROVERSIAL ENOUGH.



